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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Board / Committee / Commission Application

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Board / Committee / Commission Application

Please complete the online form below.

Personal Information

Select the Board, Commission, or Committee applying for.* [Economic Development Advisory Committee V]
I am currently a member of the above committee, and am seeking reappointment. []
Name:* John Tobin Van Geffen
Sex:* (X) Male () Female
Applying as resident, employed in Emeryville, business representative, or special interest group representative? [X] Resident [X] Business Representative
[] Employed in Emeryville [] Special Interest Group Representative

If Special Interest Group Representative was checked please specify.

Home Address:* [REDACTED]
Preferred Phone Number* [REDACTED]
Place of Employment Michael L. Dworkin and Associates
Business Address: [REDACTED]
Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Occupation:* Attorney
Email Address: [REDACTED]

Residency Information

Length of Residency in City:* 2 years
Length of Working in City: 0 years

Education and Hobbies

High School: St. Mary's Highschool - Annapolis, MD
College: Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus
Trade or Business School: Santa Clara School of Law
Hobbies: Attempting to be a renaissance man

Organization Membership Information

Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions, or Committees?* () Yes (X) No
Have you served on a Board, Commission, or Committee before?* (X) Yes () No
City of Emeryville (past/current) advisory boards: Board, Commission, and/or Committee Memberships (past/current) outside of Emeryville : Oakland Aviation Museum, Board of Directors. International Air & Transportation Safety Bar Association, Regional Vice President (Western-Pacific Region)

Please list organization memberships and positions held: See above.

Relevant Work / Volunteer Experience

I graduated from the Santa Clara School of Law and have been handling regulatory compliance matters, negotiating business transactions and litigating in the Bay Area since 2006. I'm familiar with how laws, ordinances and regulations intertwine to create a societal framework. In addition to my legal practice, in 2009 I started and ran a small business specializing in helping Oakland and San Francisco companies save money by hiring locally and taking advantage of Enterprise Zone tax credits. Unfortunately, I learned how easily Government can stifle small business with over regulation when Gov. Brown gutted the tax credit program and I had to close shop in 2013. On top of my business and legal background, I also volunteer with several non-profit organizations, including legal industry groups and the Oakland Aviation Museum where I have been a trustee on the Board of Directors since 2011 handling the museum's legal issues as they arise. All of my experiences helping companies comply with regulations, litigating breach of contract actions for clients, and starting my own business has turned me into a committed problem solver.

Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission, Committee?*

I want to do my part to help foster economic growth in Emeryville by supporting small businesses. I ran for City Council in this past election and met many local business owners who don't have time to attend city meetings and they asked me to represent them in some shape or form.

"Planning Commission Applicants Only" A short (300 words or less) statement discussing your ideas and attitudes about planning in Emeryville. Please consider issues such as traffic, industrial and commercial development density, affordable housing, maintaining community diversity and jobs/housing balance.

* indicates required fields.